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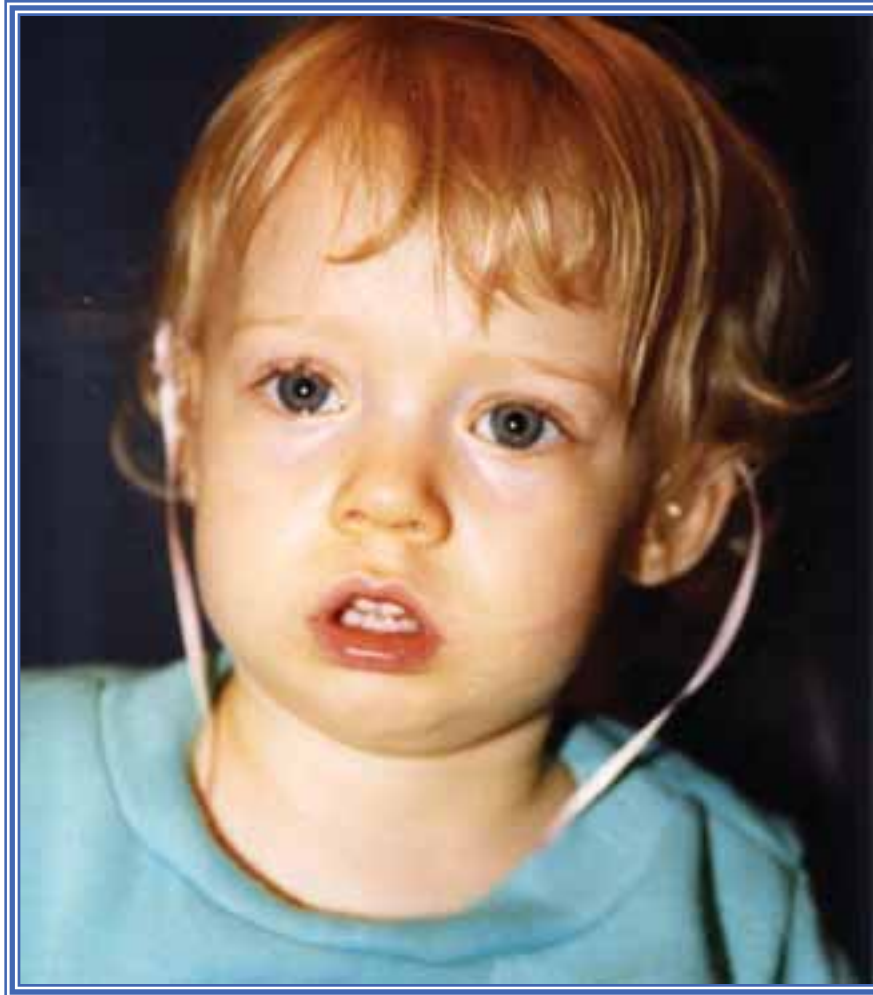
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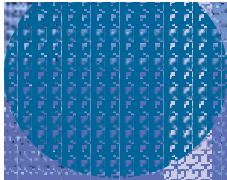


Tennessee's Early Intervention System

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- State Department Of Education
- Single point of entry
- Referral sources
- Nine district offices
- Residents of Tennessee
- Infants and toddlers birth to three years old with special needs and their families

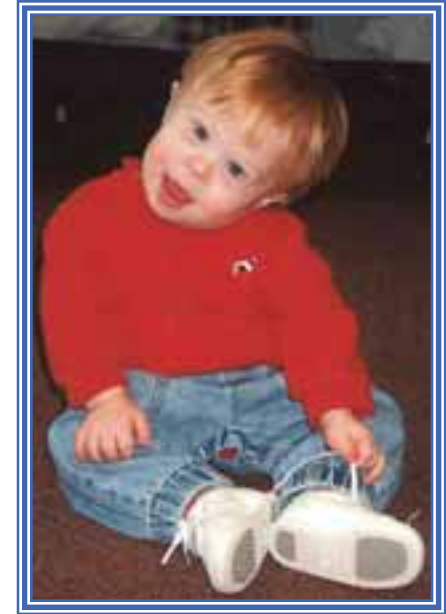
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Individuals With Disabilities Education Act

TEIS service coordinators assist families of eligible infants and toddlers in gaining access to services that are provided through the state's early intervention system.



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Intake



Service coordinators begin by visiting the family in the home in order to explain the early intervention system and to talk with the family about their needs.



Eligibility



TEIS service coordinators oversee the performance of evaluations and assessments in order to:

- Determine eligibility for the early intervention system
- Assist in planning services for an eligible child



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Tennessee's Definition of Developmental Delay

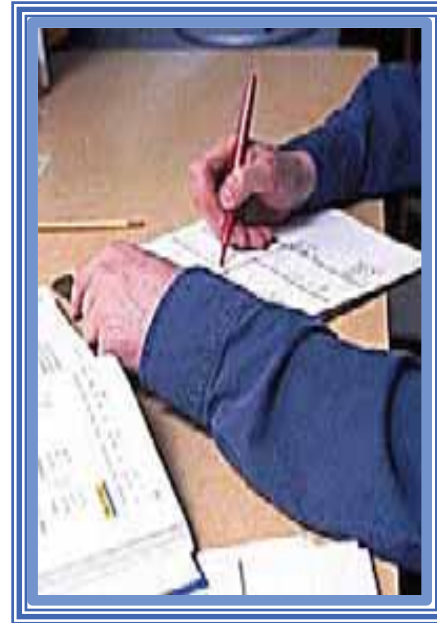
- Infants and toddlers experiencing a 25% delay in two developmental areas
or
- A 40% delay in one developmental area
or
- A diagnosed mental or physical condition associated with developmental delay





Individualized Family Service Plan

- Major outcomes
- Action steps



- Resources
- Concerns
- Priorities

Service coordinators, families, and other team members meet to develop and review the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).



Early Intervention Services

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- Assistive technology
- Audiological
- Vision services
- Nutrition
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Family training
- Social work
- Transportation
- Special instruction
- Psychological
- Speech & language
- Service coordination
- Medical (diagnosis & evaluation for early intervention purposes)
- Health (for early intervention)
- Nursing (for early intervention)



Natural Environment

To the maximum extent appropriate, early intervention services will be provided in the child's natural environment.



This includes the home and community settings in which children without disabilities participate.



No Cost To Families

Service coordinators assist families in understanding the use of private insurance, TennCare, and other potential funding sources.

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TEIS may fund designated services in the child's IFSP, according to guidelines as payor of last resort.



Transition



Service coordinators help families with transitions



throughout their years in early intervention
and as the child's third birthday
approaches.



How TEIS Can Help

We can help by:

- Coordinating the performance of evaluations and assessments
- Facilitating the development, review, and evaluation of IFSP's
- Assisting families in identifying available service providers
- Coordinating and monitoring the delivery of available services

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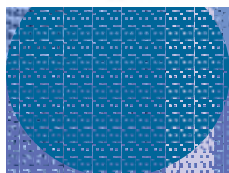


How TEIS Can Help

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- Informing families of the availability of advocacy services
- Coordinating with medical and health providers
- Facilitating the development of a transition plan to preschool services

IDEA Regulations for Part C (34 CFR 303)



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